

Enhancement of the Salary and Allowances of the low paid Government Officials.

*Q.—248. Sri H. K. SIDDIAH (Belur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the steps taken by them to increase the salary and allowances of low paid Government Officials;

(b) whether they are aware that the said officials are put to great hardship due to the rise in prices;

(c) whether they intend to raise the lowest salary to at least Rs. 100 per mensem?

A.—Sri T. MARIAPPA (Minister for Finance).—

(a) Liberal scales of pay have been allowed with effect from 1st January 1957.

(b) This is a matter of opinion.

(c) This will not be possible in view of the highly limited financial resources.

Holidays to Thoties and Talaris.

*Q.—294. Sri J. NARAYANAPPA (Mulbagal).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of holidays thoties and talaris are entitled to avail in a year;

(b) the different designations given to these people in all the integrated areas of the State?

A.—Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue).—

(a) Nil.

(b) Thotis, Talaris, Seth Sanadis or Walihars, Mahars, Barkars, Kulvadis.

Notice of Privilege Motion.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Sri Arumugham has given notice of a motion of breach of Privilege. It reads as follows:

“The Public Accounts Committee of the Mysore Legislature, during its inspection tour, visited

Hospet on 23rd January 1959 to study the working of the Sugar Factory, Kampli, the Thungabhadra Project, and the Hydro-electric Works, Munirabad. The officials of the Public Works Department wilfully did not make any arrangements for the members of the Committee to go round the above places and prevented the Committee in discharging its official duty”.

Sri B. D. JATTI (Chief Minister).—

In this connection there appears to be some misunderstanding between the Members of the Legislative Assembly and the Government officers. The information given by the Committee was different and the action which was to be taken was different. I will supply detailed information for the benefit of the House and I hope Sri Arumugham will be satisfied and would not press the motion further.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA (Gubbi).—Is not the attitude of the officer insulting.....

Mr. SPEAKER.—That question does not arise at this stage. If I allow the motion, then the matter may be raised. In view of the statement made by the Hon'ble the Chief Minister, we will wait for some time.

Members' Representation.

Sri B. SHAMSUNDER (Bhalki).—For the last fifteen days we have been observing that the problem of the Scheduled Castes is not treated properly. We are not given the importance due to us. I have to say that even the Chair—excuse me for the remark—has been partial.....

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Hon'ble Member will have to withdraw those words unconditionally.

Sri B. SHAMSUNDER.—I withdraw them, Sir, but I would like to say that whereas some members have been given opportunity to speak for a long time, the members of the Scheduled Castes have not been given time at all. The problem of the Depressed Classes is the problem of the country. For the last five days promises have been extended